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Diners May Delight in Local Artwork



From left to right: Comissioners, Ludt, McNally, and Traficanti

The next time you're dining out, take a close look at the placemat. It just may be from one of our local artists who participated in this year's "Earth Day to Earth Day Poster Contest." The contest, which requires entries to carry a recycling or anti-litter theme, resulted in 1st place

winners in grades 1 - 8 having their artwork transformed into lovely placemats that are being used in area restaurants. In addition to having their artwork on display, winning students were recognized at the May 31st Mahoning County Commissioners' Meeting during a special Award Ceremony. There the students received American Express gift certificates presented by a representative from Dominion, co-sponsor of the contest, and Certificates of Achievement from the Commissioners and the Green Team.

The winning students, their grade levels and schools are as follows:

- Samantha VonKennen, Gr. 1, Poland Union Elementary School
- Madelyn Kist, Gr. 2, Lynn Kirk Elementary School
- Liana Pregi, Gr. 3, West Boulevard Elementary School
- Victor Scott, Gr. 4, Springfield Elementary School
- Carmen Marinucci, Gr. 5, Boardman Center Middle School
- Christian Powers, Gr. 6, Jackson-Milton Middle School
- Mackenzie Mulligan, Gr. 7, Poland Middle School
- Jacci Horvath, Gr. 8, St. Christine School

The placemats can be seen at these restaurants or locations:

- America Legion Post 737, Lake Milton
- A & W Family Restaurant, Boardman
- DeChellis Restaurant, New Middletown
- Denny's Restaurants in Boardman and Austintown
- Dino's Restaurant, North Jackson
- Ellsworth VFW Post 9571, Ellsworth .
- The Fireplace Restaurant, Poland
- Lake Front Golf Course & Restaurant, Columbiana
- · National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon, North Jackson
- Operating Engineer's Hall, Boardman
- Perkins Restaurant, Alliance
- Salem Hills Country Club, Salem
- Scacchetti's Italian Steakhouse, Austintown
- Stock Yard, Canfield
- Wrangler's Restaurant, North Jackson
- Young's Restaurant, Ellsworth

Earth-Friendly Fun at the Canfield Fair



The Canfield Fair is an exciting event that local residents look forward to every year. This year it will be doubly exciting because the Green Team is offering a wide array of activities.

On Friday, August 31, at 11:00 a.m., we will be engaged in an electrifying game of Green Team Jeopardy. This event will take place on the Shooting Star Karaoke stage with Stan Boney from WYTV Channel 33 acting as emcee. Contestants for the game were chosen from our spring competition and include

Drew Janek from Campbell Memorial High School, Allison Williams from Ursuline High School, and Sarah Owen from West Branch High School. Andrew Mitchell from Boardman High School will serve as an alternate. In addition to the Award Certificates these students have received for being preliminary winners, the grand prize winner at the fair will be awarded a \$300.00 cash prize while second and third place winners will receive \$200.00 and \$100.00 respectively. The prize money is being donated by Waste Management, co-sponsor of the contest. Waste



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Recycling Numbers Continue To Climb

By Jim Petuch, Director

My parents always said that if you focus your energy and work diligently on a situation - you will get positive results. When I became director in March 2005, the Mahoning County Solid Waste District reported just 30,538 tons of residential/commercial recycling 2004. in Immediately I told the staff to focus their energy on one goal: reaching a 25% recycling rate by 2008.



That is the State of Ohio mandated r/c recycling rate, and the District was far below that level.

Two years later, the District is proud to report 70,775 tons of r/c recycling, a whopping 131% increase over the 2004 level. That brings our recycling rate to over 20%, and much nearer to the mandated percentage. In the past two years, we have vastly increased recycling opportunities for all residents and businesses by adding 11 new drop-off recycling sites, FREE business recycling for paper and publications, expanded our electronics and other special collections, and implemented numerous other recycling strategies. Our goal is not yet reached; however, thanks to the support from the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners: David Ludt, John McNally, and Anthony Traficanti, Chair – we are very confident that by December 31, 2008 – we will reach the 25% recycling rate goal. Together – we can reduce, reuse, and RECYCLE and make Mahoning County the shining star of Ohio!

Thanks to everyone for recycling!

Management also provided \$25.00 cash prizes for individual winners at Lowellville H.S., Chaney H.S. and Sebring McKinley H.S.

Another exciting activity taking place on August 31st is the O.S.U. Extension "Senior Day." Between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in Bldg. #25 the Green Team and a host of other guest speakers will be addressing issues pertinent to senior citizens. This activity will include hourly prize drawings, promotional materials and hand-outs, and live entertainment.

Throughout the entire fair, Green Team staffers will be on hand at our colorful display in the Government Building. There fairgoers can learn about our wonderful environmental programs, pick up a pencil made from recycled content, and play our estimation game that could lead to winning a back yard compost bin. Also throughout the fair, please remember to recycle your bottles and cans. The Green Team will be providing "pop bottle" collection containers throughout the fairgrounds for aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Also, a collection container for aluminum cans will be available at the Angels for Animals booth to kick off that organization's recycling fundraiser.

Whether you're interested in viewing Green Team Jeopardy, participating in our Senior Day presentation, playing our estimation game, or just stopping by to chat with a staff member, the Green Team will be there to accommodate you.

RREAP Manager

Hope to see you at the fair!

Learn To Compost With The Green Team

Nearly one fourth of the waste stream is composed of organic material that can be easily recycled. The process for recycling organics is called composting, and the Green Team is conducting seminars to teach you all about it! On Sunday, August 12, The Green Team will host 2 Compost Seminars at the Mill Creek Farm located on St. Rt. 46 in Canfield. The Compost Seminars will be conducted in classroom A at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. The cost for the seminar is \$5.00 for Mahoning County residents and \$40.00 for non-residents. Seminars include a one hour training session with video instruction and open discussion. Registrants will receive a backyard compost bin (\$40 value) and informational booklet. If you would like to participate in this activity, please complete the registration form below and return it to the Green Team office by August 3rd.

Summer Compost Seminar Registration Form

| me:Phone: | | | · | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|----------|--------|
| Address: | | | | |
| City: | | _State: | | Zip: |
| Circle One: 1 pm Session | 3 pm Session | | | |
| Mail form with about made no | avable to the Beauding | Division of | Mahanina | County |

Mail form with **check** made payable to the Recycling Division of Mahoning County (RDMC) - "Compost Seminar," 2801 Market St. Youngstown, OH.44507. Must be postmarked by Aug. 3. Registration is limited to one per household/family. Also, remember to leave enough room in your vehicle to transport the materials home (approx. 40" diameter when assembled).



Explore Mysteries With Us At The Libraries

"What was the Lorax and why was it there? And why was it lifted and taken somewhere?" If you would like to explore the answers to these and other mysteries, join us at the Mahoning County libraries this summer for a presentation of <u>The Lorax</u>, by Dr. Seuss. This wonderful story involves col-

orful Seuss characters who happily live in a Truffula Tree forest enjoying their beautiful surroundings. When their comfortable lives are suddenly interrupted by an entrepreneur named the Oncler, an interesting tale begins to unfold. Children will enjoy this book with its delightfully original creatures and whimsical rhymes while learning an important lesson about the environment. After reading the story, we will plant mystery seeds in re-used containers for the children to take home. This program is recommended for children in grades pre-K through 5. For the library program nearest you, please check the Calendar of Events.



Be An Angel...

and start saving your beverage cans. Angels for Animals is hosting an aluminum can recycling drive on

September 15th and 16th at their shelter located on St. Rt. 165 in Canfield. All proceeds will benefit the animals.





"Individually, each of us can do only a little.
Together we can save the world."

Dennis Hayes, speech, Museum of Natural History, NYC, 11/8/89

B.Y.O.B



Have you noticed that there are far too many plastic bags in circulation right now? These bags seem to be everywhere. I see them in the fields, in the trees, in the bushes, in the ditches; well...the list goes on and on. There are just too many plastic bags being used. In fact, environmental groups estimate that 500 billion to 1 trillion plastic bags are now used worldwide every year! This is clearly excessive. Not only is

this excessive, but it is dangerous. Each year worldwide approximately 100,000 whales, seals, turtles and other marine animals are killed by plastic bags. So...what can we do to curb the plastic bag use? The answer is simple. B.Y.O.B. Bring Your Own Bag. The next time you go shopping take your own bags with you to contain purchases. Although canvas or Eco-spun bags are ideal for this purpose there are other choices. Really, any old bag will do. Just check your bag cupboard and grab one. Then, the next time you're at the check-out counter and the cashier asks "Paper or plastic?" you can whip out your bag and proudly reply: "Neither. I've brought my own bag." Trust me. The cashier, other store patrons, and Mother Earth herself will appreciate your efforts.

Source Cited: "Plastic pollution", The Vindicator, July 21, 2004

Curbside Recycling Tips

- When it is windy, please secure your plastic containers. We certainly don't want plastic recyclables ending up as litter!
- When it is raining, please refrain from putting your paper bag-contained newspapers out at the curb. Better to wait for a dry day
- If you have too much material for just one bin, extra material may be placed in a laundry basket.

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Mahoning Schools Earn High Marks in Recycling

Congratulations are in order for several Mahoning County schools in recognition of their exemplary recycling efforts. In the county-wide "Cash for Cans" contest, numbers are quite impressive. Twenty four participating schools collected a total of 13,103 pounds of beverage cans earning \$9,427.65. The breakdown is as follows:

| Overall School Winners | Pounds Collected | Enrollment |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| 1st - Damascus Elementary | 3,306 | 415 |
| 2nd- West Branch High School | 1,738 | 740 |
| 3rd - Springfield Elementary | 1,229 | 450 |
| Per Capita School Winners | | |
| 1st - St. Joseph the Provider | 409 | 98 |
| 2nd - St. Christine | 1,268 | 410 |
| 3rd - St. Luke | 380 | 126 |

These schools will receive checks for the market value of the cans, along with framed Award Certificates.

Additional contributors to the contest include:

| School | Pounds Collected | Enrollmen |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| B. L. Miller Elementary | 98 | 345 |
| Boardman Center Middle | 274 | 824 |
| Byzantine Central Catholic | 250 | 170 |
| Canfield Village Middle | 731 | 990 |
| Center at Javit Court | 186 | 75 |
| Ellsworth Elementary | 83 | 270 |
| Jackson - Milton Elementary | 960 | 372 |
| Knox Elementary | 24 | 325 |
| Leonard Kirtz Retirement Center | 46 | 68 |
| Lynn Kirk Elementary | 166 | 376 |
| Poland North Elementary | 239 | 210 |
| Robinwood Lane Elementary | 45 | 364 |
| Stambaugh Charter | 101 | 231 |
| St. Charles | 95 | 528 |
| St. Joseph | 310 | 200 |
| Summit Academy | 12 | 155 |
| Youngstown Christian | 820 | 433 |
| Youngstown Development | 333 | 117 |

Again, congratulations to everyone involved in this worthwhile project.

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Mahoning County can take great

pride in knowing that its youth are helping to preserve our precious environment through their outstanding recycling efforts.

Taking Care
of the Earth

Environmental stewardship is becoming quite popular at churches located in rural Mahoning County. Two of these churches, First Federated in North Jackson and Trinity Lutheran in Sebring, have implemented waste reduction and recycling programs as a way of the posts.

pitching in to take care of the Earth.

First Federated Church in North Jackson is committed to reducing waste. They recently replaced Styrofoam™ cups with permanent coffee mugs in their kitchen, and in 2006, they joined the Green Team's Business Recycling Program. Under the leadership of Church Recycling Coordinator, Debbie Luckage and with dedicated support from Pastor Brad Jagger, their recycling program is flourishing. Once every two weeks a Green Team employee picks up recyclable material generated at the church and delivers it to a local drop-off site. This material not only includes church bulletins and office paper, but also school paper and beverage containers generated by Sunshine Preschool which is housed at the site. According to Preschool Teacher, Paulette Missos, the children love depositing material into the recycling bins. They're glad that they are helping the Earth. The Green Team is glad too!

At Trinity Lutheran Church environmental stewardship is a top priority. The congregation recycles all materials generated at the church and acts as a recycling collection site for parishioners. Trinity donates materials to local schools during the school year and recycles plastic bottles and aluminum cans as a fund raising activity during the summer. To reduce waste, Trinity has eliminated the use of disposable plates and cups for church dinners. Ann Seffins and Dr. Kristine Shoemaker act as Trinity's recycling coordinators.

The Green Team appreciates everyone at First Federated Church and Trinity Lutheran Church for implementing such wonderful environmental stewardship programs. It is wonderful to know that these special churches are doing their part to help take care of the Earth.
~ Kim Lewis

RREAP Manager

Conservation Easements and Riparian Buffer Cost Share Programs

The land near a stream is vital to the health of it. Stream banks with lots of trees, shrubs and plants filter pollutants before they reach the water and help hold soil in place, slowing erosion. The more natural the land is near a stream, the higher the water quality. Everyone wants excellent water quality! It is sometimes difficult for people to leave their land in a natural condition, they want or need to develop their land for a variety of reasons, and that often means clearing the banks of the stream. Those treeless stream banks do nothing to filter pollutants and hold soil in place. That means diminished water quality.

There is a way for everyone to win! A way to protect the natural land near a stream and give landowners money for the right to develop their land is called an easement.

An easement is simply a way of assuring that something of value (an unspoiled natural area or a historic building) that is owned privately remains protected in the future. A conservation easement typically requires that land entered into the easement be left in its natural state. An easement may be placed on some parts of a property and not others and may allow the owner to retain certain rights such as the continuation of farming in some areas, cutting of firewood or even building an additional house. These exceptions just need to be spelled out in advance so that they can be included in the easement contract.

Easements are usually written to last forever. This is called a perpetual easement and guarantees that the property protected will continue to be protected beyond the present owner's lifetime. Putting an easement on a piece of land can change its tax assessment; this can have potential tax benefits for landowners.

Riparian areas are the areas of land that border a stream. Riparian easements seek to protect the health of a stream by protecting the land around it. By restricting the development of the riparian area, erosion of stream banks and pollution of the stream is minimized and the overall human impact on the stream is reduced.

The Mahoning Soil and Water Conservation District is offering help to those residents that are interested in placing a conservation easement on their property. So in years to come that property may be kept in its natural beauty. They also are offering programs to include Riparian Buffer reestablishment. This wonderful program offers streamside residents the option of a 50% reimbursement of cost of native plants that have been reestablished in the riparian buffer area alongside streams. Both programs are limited to the Mill Creek Watershed. For more information please call our office at 330-740-7995.

This program is provided by a 319 grant from the Ohio EPA, and US EPA, in partnership with MSWCD, AWARE, and Mill Creek Metro Parks



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May was American Wetlands Month!

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Did you know that May was American Wetlands Month?

Wetlands Month was created in 1991 by EPA and its partners in federal, state, tribal, local, non-profit, and private sector organizations to celebrate the vital importance of wetlands to the Nation's ecological, economic, and social health and to educate Americans about the value of wetlands as a natural resource.

Wetlands are the vital link between land and water, where the flow of water, the cycling of nutrients, and the energy of the sun meet to produce highly productive ecosystems. Wetlands may not be wet year-round. In fact, some of the most important wetlands are seasonally dry transition zones. They are among the most valuable, but often least understood, of all natural resources.

Why Celebrate Wetlands?

Among many reasons: Water Quality Protection & Improvement, Hazard Risk Reduction, Water Storage & Supply, Bioproductivity & Habitat, Economic Viability, and Recreational & Cultural Opportunities. Wetlands provide infinite opportunities for recreation and cultural pursuits. They are inviting places for popular activities such as hiking, fishing, bird watching, photography, and hunting. In 2001, more than 82 million Americans took part in these types of recreational activities, spending approximately \$108 billion.

What You Can Do

Private citizens can make invaluable contributions to protection and restoration of our Nation's coastal and inland wetlands. Here are some actions that individuals can take to help conserve wetland resources:

- Volunteer with a local group (or start your own if none exist in your area) to protect, restore, and monitor a local wetland.
- Learn more about wetlands in your community. Contact your local parks department, state wildlife or natural resource agency, or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for information.
- Visit a local wetland and take part in a bird watch, nature hike, canoe trip, or other activity.
- Plant native vegetation in your yard and limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Talk to your local government about steps they are taking to protect and restore wetlands in your area.
- Visit the EPA Wetland Division's web site (http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands) or call the Wetlands Helpline at 1-800-832-7828.

Article reproduced from US EPA website.

Become a Mahoning Soil & Water District Board Supervisor!

This November, the Mahoning Soil & Water Conservation District will elect two supervisors to fill terms that expire in 2007. Does this sound like something that might be of interest to you?

What is the SWCD Board? The Mahoning Soil & Water Conservation District Board is a five-member governing body for the SWCD. Supervisors are elected to three-year terms. The supervisors serve as volunteers and are granted specific powers under Chapter 1515 of the Ohio Revised Code. Anyone who is a resident of Mahoning County and at least 18 years of age may run for Board Supervisor. Conservation is a critical issue for Mahoning County, and the need for conservation leaders is essential.

What does the SWCD Board do? The SWCD Board determines the policies that set the direction for the work that the SWCD staff carries out in the county.

They also determine the need for additional staff and work with local and state government to obtain funding for the programs they feel are necessary.

How much time does it take to be a board supervisor? There are twelve regular monthly board meetings, which are usually held the first Tuesday of each month at the District Office Conference Room located at 850 Industrial Road Youngstown Ohio. The meetings begin April through October at 6:30 PM and November through March at 5:30PM. The meetings last approximately two hours. There are also a few special meetings, such as the Mahoning SWCD Annual Meeting, and opportunities to attend area, state and national events with other SWCD supervisors.

We also have opportunities for associate board members where meeting attendance is not mandated. If you are interested in becoming a Board Supervisor or have more questions, simply contact Kathleen Vrable-Bryan, District Administrator at 330-740-7995.

CAR WASHING TIPS



- Wash you car only when it is necessary.
- Commercial car washes recycle water on-site or send it to a water treatment facility, where it is cleaned and returned to the watercycle.
- Washing your car at home can use two to three times more water than a commercial carwash, and the water than flows into the street can not be recovered and reused.
- If you wash your car at home, make sure you put a nozzle on your hose that prevents water from being wasted.
- Park your car on a permeable surface such as grass, it will act as a filter and your yard can be watered at the same time.
- Use a bucket with biodegradable, nonphosphate soapy water, turn off the

- water while soaping, and use a hose with a pressure nozzle to decrease rinsing time.
- Empty your bucket of soapy water into a toilet or a sink, not a storm drain! From these storm drains the dirty water may be carried to lakes, streams or wetlands and potentially pollute our surface waters.
- Minimize your soap and water use.
- Dry your car with cotton towels and rags not paper towels.
- Clean brake dust off of wheels with paper towels, and dispose of towels in the trash.
 As an alternative to expesive chemical glass cleaners, use vinegar and water.
- While you clean your car, keep your surface water clean! Care for Cleaner Water

Pond Clinic

Mahoning SWCD and Columbiana SWCD will be hosting a Pond Clinic to be held in McMahon Hall at the Mill Creek MetroParks Farm, Canfield, Ohio on Thursday August 9 from 6 PM to 8:30 PM. There will be featured speakers from ODNR, Division of Wildlife, Mahoning SWCD and Columbiana SWCD.

Calendar of Events

JULY

- 6 Movie at Lake Milton State Park 9:00pm
- 7 YSU Summer Festival of the Arts
- 8 ... YSU Summer Festival of the Arts
- 8 Smith Grange Community Breakfast 8:00 am 1:00 pm
- 11 . . . Concert in Woodworth Park 7:00 pm
- 13 . . . Austintown Library Summer Reading Program
– 10:00 am
- 13 . . . Goshen Twp. Tractor Pull 7:00 pm
- 13 . . . Movie at Lake Milton State Park 9:00pm
- 14 . . . Goshen Twp. Tractor Pull 7:00 pm
- 16 . .Sebring Library Summer Reading Program 1:00 pm
- 18 . . . Concert in Woodworth Park 7:00 pm
- 19 . .N. Jackson Library Summer Reading Program 11:00 am
- 20 . . Movie at Lake Milton State Park 9:00pm
- 23 . . . Poland Library Summer Reading Program 11:00 am
- 24 . . . East Library Summer Reading Program 11:00am
- 27 . . . Canfield Library Summer Reading Program 10:00 am
- 27 . . . Movie at Lake Milton State Park 9:00pm

AUGUST

- 1 Concert in Woodworth Park 7:00 pm
- 1 Greenford Library Summer Reading Program 1:00 pm
- 2 ... Sebring Community Yard Sale
- 3 Jackson Twp. Community Yard Sale , Sebring Community Yard Sale
- $4\ldots$ Jackson Twp. Community Yard Sale , Sebring Community Yard Sale
- 4 Greenford Firemen's Festival S. Range Middle School 5:00 pm
- 4 Goshen Twp. Community Breakfast 6:00 am 11:00 am
- 4 Beach Party @ Lake Milton State Park
- $6 \ldots$ Lake Milton Library Summer Reading Program 11:00 am
- 7 South Library Summer Reading Program 11:00 am
- 8 Concert in Woodworth Park 7:00 pm
- 10 . . . Goshen Twp. Tractor Pull 7:00 pm
- 10 . . . Movie at Lake Milton State Park 9:00pm
- 11 . . . Goshen Twp. Tractor Pull 7:00 pm
- 12 . . . Summer Compost Seminars 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm
- 12 . . . Smith Grange Community Breakfast 8:00 am - 1:00 pm $\,$
- 13 . . .West Library Summer Reading Program 11:00 am
- 14 . . . Boardman Library Summer Reading Program – 2:00 pm
- 15 . . . Springfield Library Summer Reading Program 11:00 am
- 15 . . . Concert in Woodworth Park 7:00 pm
- 17 . . .Brownlee Woods Library Summer Reading Program 2:00 pm
- $17\,\ldots$ Movie at Lake Milton State Park 9:00pm
- 18 . . . Goshen Twp. Customer Appr. Day $\,\&\,$ Tire Drive
- 20 . . . Struthers Library Summer Reading Program – 2:00 pm
- 21 . . .Campbell Library Summer Reading Program 2:00 pm
- 22 . . . Concert in Woodworth Park 7:00 pm
- 23 . .Main Library Summer Reading Program 2:00 pm
- 24 . . . Movie at Lake Milton State Park 9:00pm
- 29 . . . Canfield Fair begins
- 31 . . . Movie at Lake Milton State Park 9:00pm

SEPTEMBER

- $3\,\ldots$.Canfield Fair Ends
- 9 Smith Grange Community Breakfast 8:00 am 1:00 pm
- 15 . . Angels for Animals Aluminum Can Recycling Drive
- 16 . .Angels for Animals Aluminum Can Recycling Drive
- 30 . . . Open House SWCD

OCTOBER

- 16 . . .2007 Fish Sale Order Deadline SWCD
- 18 . . . 2007 Fish Sale Pickup SWCD



COME ONE COME ALL!

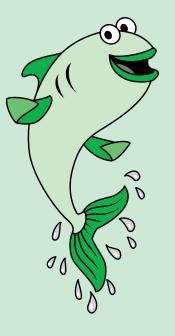
WHAT: Open House at Mahoning SWCD
 WHERE: 850 Industrial Road Youngstown, Ohio 44509
 WHEN: Saturday September 29, 2007 9AM – 3PM
 WHY: We want to show off our family, friends

and neighbors in Mahoning County

We at Mahoning SWCD would like to update the community about our programs that we offer and how we can assist the people in our community. Whether you live in the city or country, we can provide you the education and assistance in promoting the stewardship of natural resources for all generations!

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

MAHONING SWCD FISH STOCKING SALE - FALL 2007



How? By ordering through our office - Deadline, Tuesday, October 16, 2007

When? Pick-up Date - Thursday, October 18, 2007 From 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Where? Canfield Fairgrounds - Coliseum 8 (in the Junior Fair)

What? Fingerling size Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Bluegill, Perch, Redear Shellcrackers, Crappies, Minnows and White Amur

What to bring when you pick up your order:

- 5-8 gallons of pond water per 100 fish of each species - 5 gallons of water for every 2 white amur
- 30-gallon trash can(s) lined with trash bags that can be tied shut NO HOLES in the bags, please!
- Less than 150 bass, bluegill, minnows, perch or catfish can be put in one container

Fish are guaranteed to be delivered in good condition; however, we do not guarantee survival after you have stocked them in your pond.

NO REFUNDS!

STOCKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- * Recommended species for stocking northeast Ohio lakes and ponds: largemouth bass, channel catfish and bluegill.
- Largemouth bass feed almost exclusively on other fish; forage species should be stocked as a food source, ie., bluegill.
- * Perch should be stocked in newer ponds only, preferably without overflows, at a rate of 100 per acre
- * Minnows can be stocked as a food source for bass.
- * It is not recommended to stock minnows in ponds with existing bluegill population.
- * The recommended stocking rate for minnows is 1,000 per acre.
- * Stock recommended species in proper ratio: 100 bass, 200 bluegill or 200 shellcrackers and 100 catfish per surface acre of water.

Mahoning SWCD Fish Stocking Program Order Form - Fall 2007

| Name | | Phone |
|--|---|--|
| Address | | |
| City | | State Zip |
| 2-4 in. Bass x 3-5 in. Bluegill x 4-6 in. Channel x Catfish x 2-4 in. Yellow Perch x 3-5 in. Redear x Shellcracker x 2-4 in. Crappies x 8-12 in. White Amur x | .90 ea. = \$ 30 ea. = \$ 11.50 ea. = \$ | Please make checks payable to Mahoning SWCD and mail to: Mahoning SWCD 850 Industrial Road |
| | TOTAL DUE \$ | Youngstown, OH 44509 |

Additional Tips

- Provide structure for fish habitat such as cement block, boards, discarded pine trees, etc.
- ✓ Do not add fish from other ponds and streams to your pond.
- Stock fish immediately after picking them up.
- Be sure the water temperature in the container and pond are the same; slowly add pond water to the container.

<u>Note:</u> Out of State Purchases - All amur purchased through Mahoning SWCD must remain in the state of Ohio.

| Percent of pond covered by plants | Number of Amur per acre |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0 - 20 | NONE |
| 20 - 40 | 5 |
| 40 - 60 | 10 |
| Over 60 | 20 |

Questions on determining the surface area of your pond, or other related questions, can be addressed by contacting the Mahoning SWCD office (330) 740-7995.